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NOTICE.

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All DEBTORS and CREDITORS of the

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the UNDERSIGNED as soon as possible,

in order that there may be a proper settle-

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J. MACGOWAN,
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Away, December 12, 1901. 2543

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Intimations.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM Dividend an account of

the year 1901-1902, at the rate of

Five Cents per Share (or Five per cent. on

the Capital of the Company) will be pay-

able at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,

Hongkong, on and after the 1st JANUARY

Next. Dividend Warrants will be posted

to Shareholders.

The Register of Shares and Transfer

Books will be closed from SATURDAY,

28th December, until MONDAY, 6th January,

both days inclusive, during which period no

Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. HECKFORD,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 21, 1901. 2617

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING of the above-named Company

will be held at the Company's Office, No.

2, Albert Road, Victoria, in the Colony of

Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 10th day of

January, 1902, at 4 p.m., when the sub-

scribed resolution which was passed at the

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A PRINCE OF SWINDLERS.

A Parisian Swell-Mobman.

Altmyer, long the king of the 'swell mob' in Paris, has added to the list of his innumerable exploits by successfully escaping from the French convict penitentiary in Guiana, where he had been confined for the past twelve years. He managed to book a first-class passage on board a steamer bound for Southampton, and is now supposed to be in London. The police there are prepared to find him one of those days back in Paris living in grand style as in former days. Altmyer was quite the prince of swindlers. After some practice years, during which he robbed his father and later on his commanding officers while serving in the army, he passed muster in the art of thieving when he invented the telephone trick, sings often employed by imitators. He rang up a wealthy Parisian merchant, and successfully assuming the voice of one of the latter's clients obtained a sum of £2,000 or so, which started him on his career. For years he cut a dashing figure if not in drawing rooms, at least in the flashy society called the 'world where you amuse yourself.' In smart restaurants, at first nights, on the turf, he was acknowledged as a leader of gay sets, and he is known to have thus brilliantly figured under six successive names, each with a highly ornamental handle to it. Spending right royally, he replenished his funds by every sort of imaginable fraud. He was rarely caught, and when he was he had a hundred stratagems for escaping which he used with continuous success until twelve years ago, when he was tried and sentenced to transportation.

One of his exploits is memorable in the annals of the Paris Courts of Justice. While being questioned by the examining magistrate pending his trial, he managed somehow to appropriate a sheet of official paper. On this he wrote out a warrant for his own release, forging the magistrate's handwriting to perfection. On being re-examined the next day he got hold of the seal lying on the magistrate's table and played with it while talking. Pretending to lose his temper at one moment he thumped violently on the inkstand and overturned it on to the head of the magistrate. The magistrate, who was naturally irate in consequence, turned to look while the stain on the damaged garments was being mopped up with blotting paper. In an instant Altmyer had set the official seal on his warrant. Later, or while being taken back to his cell, he suddenly exclaimed: "Oh, by the way, here is a letter for the governor of the prison which the magistrate told me to give you. I was nearly forgetting all about it." The governor never dreamed of suspecting the authenticity of the message. Altmyer was duly set at liberty that afternoon, and spent the evening at the Theatre Francaise.

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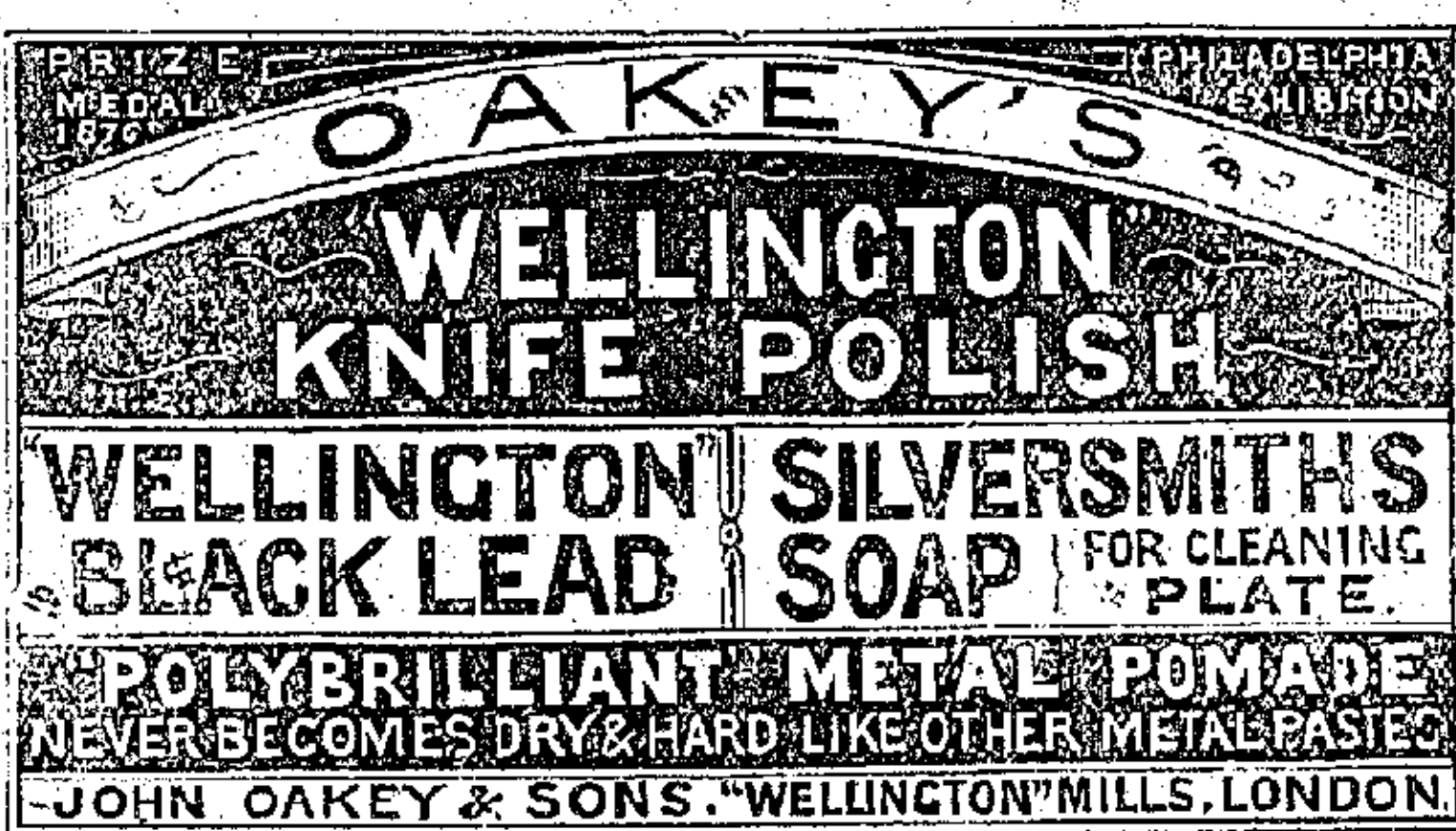
The beauty of the Yorkshire Fevershams, of Duncombe Park, is almost historic, and they have a story of its origin which will interest those who cannot choose but extol the radiant loveliness of Lady, Helen Vincent, Lady Cynthia Graham, Lady Ulster Duncombe, and the late beautiful Duchess of Leinster—the four exquisite daughters of that noble house. A former young and romantic Earl of Feversham was struck dumb one day, as he walked in the meadows, by a vision of the most beautiful woman he ever saw, leaning on a stile and looking pensively away towards the towers of Duncombe Park, which showed over the trees. This glorious Diana was a milkmaid, and carried her pails in her hands. She was roughly clad, and utterly unconscious of her grace.

A MEADOW VENUS.

Recovering his breath, the young Earl asked her name, and later on persuaded the Dowager, his mother, to permit the meadow Venus to be brought to Duncombe Park and taught by the housekeeper. Not long after he declared his intention of marrying her. So she was sent to a private school for a term, to come back in due time and be made Countess of Feversham. They say that the grace of her character equalled her beauty, and that she reigned in Duncombe Park as gently and wisely as though she had been born to the purple. But the fellow-milks of this lovely milking lass were a little jealous. And for years after they used to lean over the stile at which she met her fate, as the sun set, and say a doggerel rhyme meant to bring them similar luck:—
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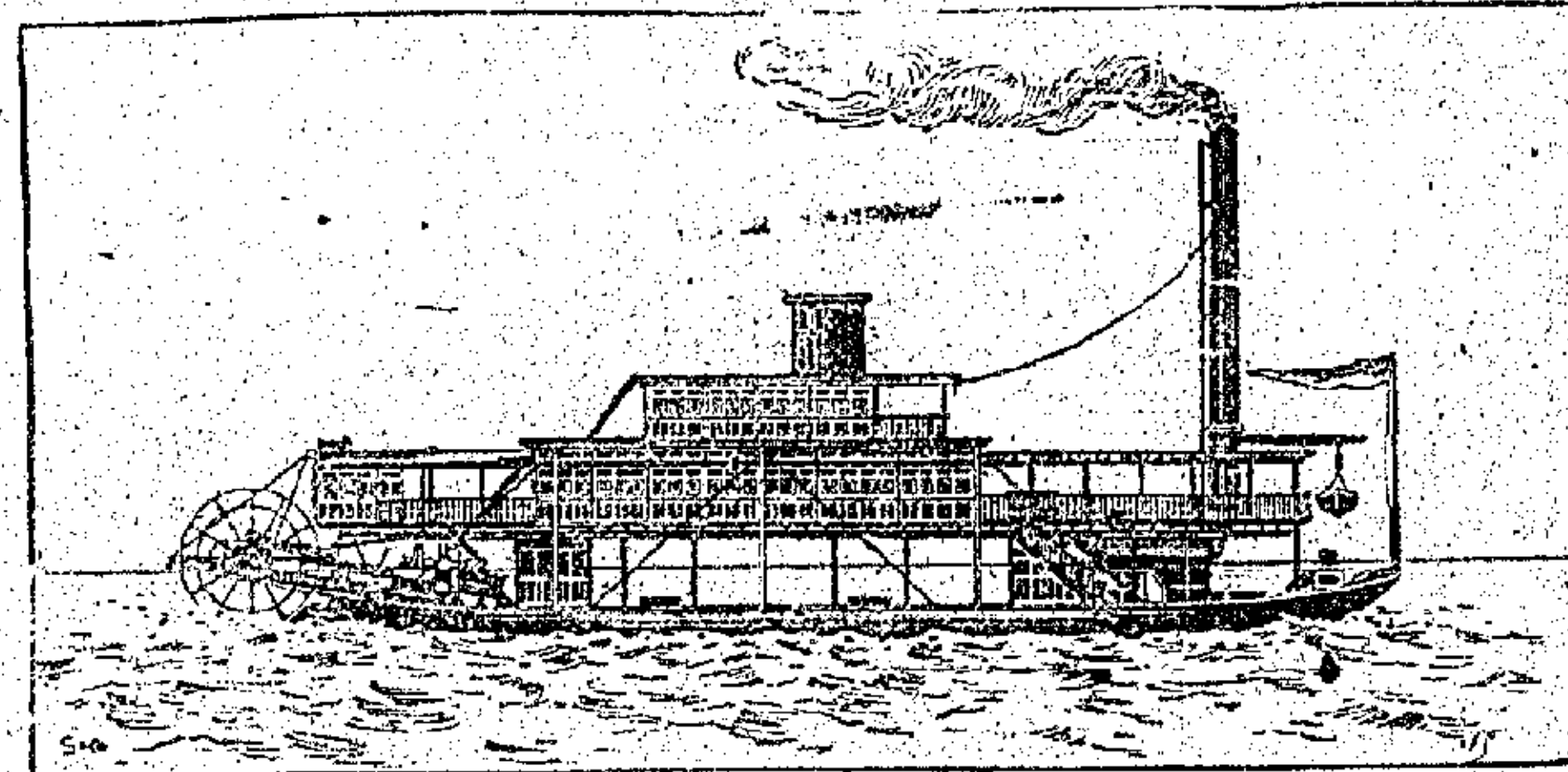
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THURSDAY, January 2:—
Insurance Office close.
Local Banks close.
Goods per *Indra* not cleared at 10
a.m. on this date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, January 4:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Curios,
etc., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales
Rooms.
MONDAY, January 6:—
Interim Dividend of 50 Cents on Shares
of Wm. Powell, Ltd., payable.
FRIDAY, January 10:—
4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at the Com-
pany's Office.
TUESDAY, January 14:—
Extraordinary General Meeting of China
and Manila Steamship Company.

'THE BACK DOOR.'
THE Series of Articles entitled 'THE
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On the 19th Dec., at 'Seionam,' Northern
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of a Daughter.
At Upper Norwood, St. Thomas's, Walk,
on 21st December, the wife of L. HERBERT,
of a Daughter.

DATH.

On the 29th December, at Taiokotai,
Capt. GEORGE FRANK SAUNDERS, aged 68 years.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Madame Freed gave a successful con-
cert at Fochow on the 19th inst.

It is proposed to connect Nagasaki and
Mogi by means of an electric railway.

Exports of coal from Moji have declin-
ed of late and a fall in prices is anticipated.

The German Mail of the 27th Novem-
ber was delivered in London on the 27th
December.

Professor Gietter, of the Imperial
University, has opened a French class in
the University buildings at Peking.

General Sir Hector Macdonald spent a
few days at Colombo on his way back to
India from Australia and New Zealand.

A similar movement, to that in Singa-
pore for increased pay to engineers and to
masters and mates is reported from Penang.

A Chinaman employed at the Green
Island Company's Cement Works at Hung-
hom fell into one of the kilns and was
killed.

The stamp revenue of Hongkong for
November shows a decrease of \$3803.90 as
compared with the corresponding period of
last year.

The Japanese have erected a granite
monument in Peking to those Japanese who
were killed during the Boxer rising. The
monument bears a Sanskrit inscription.

During the first ten days of December,
9 cases of dysentery, 16 of typhoid fever,
and 23 of diphtheria were reported within
Nagasaki and neighbouring districts.

Mr J. Mossop, of the Public Works
Department, being on the eve of going
to Shanghai, has resigned his commission as
a Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer
Corps.

There were 159 European, and 91
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,
and 93 European and 1,314 Chinese to the
Museum during the week ended 29th
December.

The Race Ball at Fochow was attend-
ed by upwards of one hundred residents
and guests, among the latter being the
officers of the German warship *Geier*, whose
band provided the music.

The crews of two junks had a fight yester-
day, in the course of which two of the
combattants got into and fell into the
harbour. There they struggled with each
other until they both sank, and were
drowned.

Mr M. W. Slade has resigned his com-
mission as Captain of the Field Battery,
Hongkong Volunteer Corps, and His Excel-
lency, in accepting the resignation, ap-
proves of Mr Slade's attachment provision-
ally as Captain to the Reserve of the Corps.

Sir Frank Swettenham has offered to
give a cricket bat to the member of
the Penik team who makes the
highest score in any innings in the match
against the Singapore C. C. during the
Christmas cricket week.

Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai has returned
to Peking, writes the Peking correspon-
dent of the *N. C. Daily News*. He failed
to persuade the Ministers to abandon the
Provisional Government. "It is a dis-
appointment to him. He now intends to
meet the Court on his way."

Among the passengers passing through
Hongkong in the German mail steamer
Prinz Heinrich are Sir Brooke Boothby,
Bar., who is proceeding to Tokyo to take
up his post of Secretary of Legation, and
Dr G. K. Morrison, *The Times* corres-
pondent at Peking, who has been on a
visit to Bangkok and Singapore. Sir
Brooke Boothby is cousin to Commander
Boothby of H.M.S. *Endymion*.

MRS. WILLIAM D., Leeds, England,
writes to Mr. H. to
write to her a bottle of Stearns' Wine
of Cod Liver Oil, and also a Miss R., for
my experience of the effects of it warrants
it not necessary, my suggestion to persons
who have "run down" or show physical
symptoms.
Wholesale from A. S. Watson & Co.,
Ltd., Hongkong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ceylon Volunteers for Africa.
A movement is on foot to send a second
contingent of Ceylon Volunteers to South
Africa. About 100 men have already
signified their willingness to serve with an
unmounted corps at the front.

The Dallas Company.
The Dallas Company, thirty strong,
was to leave Calcutta by a special train for
Bombay on the 10th inst. They were to
stop for two days at Allahabad, and arrive
in Bombay on the 17th and open on the
21st inst. Mr Dallas took fifty tons of
society and properties to Bombay.

Accident to the French Mail.
About 3 a.m. yesterday (says the *Sin-
gapore Free Press* of the 21st Dec.), as the
homeward bound French mail steamer,
L'ile de la Ciotat was nearing Singapore
from Saigon, during a dense fog and a
strong gale of wind, she is alleged to have
run or been driven into a shoal, with the
result that two blades of her propeller were
broken and the remaining two were bent,
and she did not get alongside the wharf
before 11 a.m., although due at daylight.
Her propeller is being examined by divers.
The *L'ile de la Ciotat* is 615 feet long and
the largest dock here is 475 feet long.

A Royal Apology.
A rather amusing incident occurred to
a friend of mine some weeks ago (says *Free
Lancer*). He was walking down Pall Mall
one evening when suddenly a private
brougham stopped immediately in front of
him, and a rather stout gentleman alighted
hurriedly, but unfortunately in so doing
trod heavily on the tenderly-cherished corn
of my poor friend. An interjection quite
equal to the occasion, though far more for-
cible than strictly polite, escaped the
sufferer. Judge, therefore, his horror on
looking up into the face of His Majesty the
King, who said, however, in his usual cor-
dial manner, "Pardon me, the fault was en-
tirely mine."

The Peking Pawnshops.
The Peking correspondent of the *N. C.
Daily News* writes:—The Civil Governor
of Peking, Chen Pi, is trying to get the
pawn-shops to pay up some 200,000
taels of the Imperial revenue, which had
been deposited in some of them, and during
last year's troubles was stolen. Con-
sidering the fact that all the pawn-shops—
about 200—were looted, it is pretty hard
on them to be compelled to make up that
part which was Imperial, when the Court
was accountable for all the trouble and all
the losses. Instead of the pawn-shops
recompensing the Empress Dowager, the
latter should compensate the pawn-shops.
All the pawn-shops have combined to
protest and resist, and say they will close
up before meeting this loss.

Thanking the Gods.
The following translation of an Imperial
Edict, issued at Yikou, Honan, on the
19th inst., is taken from the *N. C. Daily
News*:—A decree in the name of the Em-
press Dowager expressing gratitude to the
dragon and other river gods of the Yellow
River at Liuyuan who, when the Imperial
barges crossed over the river at Liuyuan on
the 14th instant, when the Court left
K'ai-feng for Peking, vouchsafed calm weather
and a river "as smooth as glass." The
Empress Dowager, therefore, desires to
show her thankfulness to the river gods by
bestowing an extra honorary title on them
and hereby commands the Board of Rites
to determine the most appropriate titles to
commemorate the occasion. To the boat-
men of the Imperial barges and others in
charge of the arrangements at the Yellow
River, the sum of Tls. 2,500 is ordered to
be distributed as a reward for their vigilance
and care.

Police 'Smoker.'
An admirably organised smoking con-
cert took place on Saturday evening in the
mess room of the Central Police Station, it
was only a fault, and that was a good fault,
was that the premises were overcrowded.
Sergeant Garrod was an excellent chairman,
and was well supported by a super-abun-
dance of popular singers, among whom were
Staff Sergeant Viggies, A.O.O., Sergeant
Ward, R.A.M.C., Sergeant Jardine,
R.M.A., Sergeant Simmers, R.E., Corporal
Marten, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Beckheim*; Private
Burgess, A.O.G., Corporal Everleigh,
R.E., Messrs J. Laycock, Langley, Shep-
herd, Brown, Deveney, and Rutledge.
Sapper Long, R.E., and Band Sergeant
Cartwright, H.M.S. *Beckheim*, were excel-
lent accompanists. Messrs Finman and
Deveney deserve credit for the scheme of
decoration which was tasteful and appro-
priate to the season. Mr F. J. Badeley,
Acting Captain Superintendent of Police,
and Mr A. Mackie, Acting Deputy Super-
intendent, were present during the entire
evening.

**TO GET RID OF A TROUBLESOME
CORN.**
FIRST took it in warm water to soften it,
then pare it down as closely as pos-
sible without drawing the blood, and apply
Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rub-
bing vigorously for five minutes at each
application. A corn plaster should be
worn for a few days, to protect it from the
brush. As a general liniment for sprains,
bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain
Balm is unequaled. For sale by All
Dealers. WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

News from the Philippines.
A prison for insurgents is to be
established on Grande Island, Subig Bay.

Several insurgent strongholds in
Mindoro have been destroyed, and the town
of Mangun burned down by the American
soldiers.

Governor-General Taft left for the
United States on board the transport *Grant*
on the 24th December. He was able to
walk, but is reported to have lost weight
during his illness and to be still in weak
health. Mr Luke T. Wright is Acting
Governor.

Walter A. Fitton has brought a suit
through Attorney Terrell against Archibald
Stewart, formerly chief accountant for the
Chartered Bank in Manila, with hope of
recovering an amount in excess of twelve
thousand pesos that Fitton claims is due
him from Stewart. This litigation arose
out of a big 'hemp deal' in which Stewart
was one of the speculators and Fitton agent.
The hemp was purchased and sold through
Warner, James & Co. with a loss of over
twelve thousand dollars to each of the
speculators. With the exception of Stewart,
the other participants in the deal paid their
liabilities. Subsequently, Fitton received in-
structions from Stewart in London to settle
his share. Accordingly Fitton gave his own
personal note to Warner, James & Co., and
since then he has made seven monthly pay-
ments of one thousand pesos each on the
note. Inasmuch as Stewart has not made
any attempt to reimburse or secure him,
he has filed this suit in order to attach any
property that is still held in Stewart's name
in Manila.

The University Rugby Match.
A London telegram, dated 11th inst.,
gives the following details of the Oxford
and Cambridge Rugby football match:—
In the Inter-Varsity Rugby Football match
played yesterday, Cambridge had rather
the best of the play in the first half, but
there was no score. The defence on both
sides was sound. The Oxford three-quarter
line was a fine combination, and the Cam-
bridge pack tackled splendidly. In the
second half, Oxford scored two tries, Mr
Crabtree, the captain, crossing the line both
times. Mr Strand Jones converted the se-
cond try into a goal. Cambridge failed to
score, and Oxford won by one goal and one
try (8 points) to nil.

Zetland Lodge.
On Friday evening, December 27, the
Deputy District Grand Master Right Wor.
Brother E. C. Ray, with the District Grand
Lodge Officers, attended at the Masonic
Hall for the purpose of installing Bro.
J. J. Bryan as Worshipful Master of
Zetland Lodge. Wor. Bro. Bryan, after
being duly installed in the Chair, appointed
and invested his office as follows:—Im-
mediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. W. J.
Tutcher; Senior Warden, Bro. B. Broth-
erton; Junior Warden, Bro. J. W.
Graham; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. T. Wright,
Treasurer, Wor. Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; Se-
cretary, Bro. E. R. Hughes; Senior Deacon,
Bro. H. Sykes; Junior Deacon, Bro. W.
H. Parcell; Director of Ceremonies, Bro.
C. Nierker; Organist, Bro. C. W. Mar-
shall; Steward, Bro. A. H. Skelton; Inner
Guard, Bro. G. A. Dill; Tyler, Bro. J.
Marshall. The brethren then adjourned
to the Lower Hall, where the Banquet took
place. The usual patriotic and Masonic
toasts were given; and the rest of the
evening was devoted to conviviality and
music. Among those who contributed
largely to the musical part of the pro-
gramme were Messrs Ward, Galluzzi,
Grimble, Miron, Goldring and Terrill.

D. G. Lodge of Hongkong and S. China.
At the annual meeting of the District
Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China,
held on Saturday evening the Deputy Dis-
trict Grand Master, Wor. Brother E. C.
Ray, presided, and appointed and invested
the following officers for the ensuing year:—
District Senior Grand Warden, G. J.
W. King; District Junior Grand Warden,
F. B. Smith; District Grand Chaplain, F.
W. Clark; District Grand Treasurer, F. W.
Edwards; District Grand Registrar, G.
Piercy, Jr.; District Grand President Board
of General Inspection, D. Macdonald; Dis-
trict Senior Grand Secretary, A. O'D.
Gardiner; District Senior Grand Deacon, J.
G. Goetz; District Junior Grand Deacon,
W. J. Tutcher; District Grand Superin-
tendent of Works, J. J. Bryan; District
Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. H.
Wickham; District Assistant Grand
Director of Ceremonies, R. C. Edwards;
District Grand Sword Bearer, Alex. Cum-
ming; District Grand Standard Bearer, W.
M. Fochow Lodge; District Grand Stand-
ard Bearer, E. A. Stanton; District Grand
Organist, A. G. Ward; District Grand
Pursuivant, G. G. Burnett; District As-
sistant Pursuivant, B. B. Barker; Dis-
trict Grand Steward, E. H. Ray; District
Grand Steward, A. W. Bowley; District
Grand Steward, H. W. Wolfe; District
Grand Steward, S. W. Corinthian Lodge;
District Grand Steward, S. W. Fochow;
District Grand Tyler, James Marshall.
Unofficial Members, Wor. Bro. W. L. Forth,
Wor. Bro. H. J. Watson.

'Who is the smartest boy in your class,
Bobby?' asked his uncle. 'I'd like to tell
you, uncle,' answered Bobby modestly,
'only papa says I'm not a boy!'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Plague in Manila.
Two cases of plague were reported in
the Walled City of Manila on the 23rd inst.
—both native children. A case of smallpox
was also reported in the Walled City.

Cotton Spinning at Shanghai.
The profit of the Ewo Cotton Spinning
and Weaving Co., Ltd., at Shanghai, dur-
ing the last working year was Tols 104,479.
This wipes off the deficit of the previous
year, all but Tls. 13,688.

South America.
A London telegram to the *Ostend Mail*
dated 18th inst. says that 40,000
Argentine troops have been raised by con-
scription. Brazil has declared 'neutrality'
respecting the trouble between Argentina
and Chile.

Football Shield Tie.
To-morrow afternoon, on the Happy
Valley, in the first round of the Hong-
kong Football Challenge Shield competi-
tion, the Royal Engineers will repy H.
Company, R.W.F. The kick-off will be at
4 o'clock. The following team will repre-
H. Company:—Goal, Whitney; backs,
Smart and Edwards; half-backs, Stafford,
Pownall, and Sweet; forwards, Pugh,
Geshon, Williams, Walters and Shields.

Death of Captain Sachse.
The flag was half-masted at the
German Club yesterday out of respect
for Captain G. Sachse, manager of the
oil godowns at Taiokotai and agent for
Messrs Arnold, Karberg and
Co., who died at 3.30 on Sunday morning.
Captain Sachse was well known in the
Colony, having been resident here for about
eighteen years. He was a member of the
Masonic order.

Tax Collecting in Fuhkien.
The *Fuchow Echo* says:—The rumours
that the officials are experiencing consider-
able difficulty in collecting the new taxes
continue unabated. This week it is re-
ported that the Min Magistrate, who found it
necessary to go to a certain district in person
on this business, met with most unpleasant
treatment. Of course the head of the dis-
trict was severely punished for this, but the
story goes to show how strong the resistance
to this new taxation must be when the peo-
ple dare to insult so high an official. The
reports of the extraordinary number of Li-
terary degrees obtained by bribery, are, if
true, scandalous. It is the last chance
H.E. the Literary Chancellor will have of
indulging in this sort of thing, but in the
meantime there has been a great deal of
talk about it, and natural indignation ex-
pressed in certain quarters.

The Increased Ferry Fares.
When we called attention a few days
ago to the increased charge for tickets on
the Kowloon Ferry we were unaware of
certain facts that have since come to our
knowledge. We were under the impression
that the ferry traffic had increased so much
during the past year that the Star Ferry
Company must be increasing its earnings
enormously, and we are therefore surprised
to learn, upon enquiry, that the net
revenue of the Company during the past
six months compares unfavourably with
that of the previous year, the causes being
the largely increased cost of running the
new double-enders without, as
anticipated, a corresponding increase in
the European traffic, while compared with
last year the earnings show a falling off.
It has been considered advisable, therefore,
in the interests of the shareholders to in-
crease the fare of the occasional traveller in
consideration of the superior accommo-
dation provided by the double-ended boats.
To the local resident who cares to purchase
a punch ticket the fare remains precisely
the same as before—10 cents per journey—and
recognising the claims to consideration of
the Kowloon residents no increase is
made, nor is one contemplated we believe
in the charge for season tickets. The only
persons affected by the change are passen-
gers and officers from ships at the Kowloon
Wharves and the occasional traveller from
Hongkong. One cause of the change in-
troduced by the management is the abuse
of the special punch ticket allowed to the
various athletic clubs on the Kowloon side
of the Harbour. We believe it is a fact
that a traffic has sprung up in these tickets,
which have got into the hands of some per-
sons not members of the Clubs. It is hard
on those who have not abused their privilege
that they should be made to suffer along
with the delinquents, but there is no means
of discriminating, and so the management
had no other recourse than to abandon the
privilege tickets. It is obvious to anyone
that the ferry service is very much im-
proved, and it is only reasonable that the
Company's rights should be recognised as
well as the traveller's. As we have pointed
out, regular users of the ferry are not af-
fected by the alteration in the tariff; the oc-
casional traveller to whom the ferry is not so
much a necessity as a convenience has been
singled out instead of the steady supporters
of the service to make good the deficiency
in the earnings; and the only parties who
are at all hit by the new arrangement are
the members of the clubs, who, after all,
can put themselves on the same footing as
the Kowloon residents by buying punch
tickets.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rugby Football.
A Rugby football match was played on
Saturday at Happy Valley between the
Navy and Hongkong Football Club. A
hard and exciting game resulted in a draw,
each side scoring a try. The match is
described as one of the best that has been
seen on the ground this season.

The Tragedy on the German Mail.
The German Mail steamer *Prinz Hein-
rich* arrived this morning from Europe
after an eventful voyage. In coming
through the canal, her progress was block-
ed for over a day by a French steamer
grounding in front of her. On nearing
Singapore, on the 21st December, an
alarming tragedy, already reported briefly
among our cable correspondents, took place.
When everything was quiet on the ship,
about one o'clock in the morning, a loud
report of firearms caused people to desert
their cabins to inquire as to the cause.
They were horrified to find one of the
assistant engineers lying dead with a
bullet wound behind his left ear and a
revolver lying close by. Another as-
sistant engineer was wounded. The trouble
is said to have arisen over a young
Dutch lady, passenger with whom both
had struck up acquaintanceship on the
voyage. The true facts of the case are dif-
ficult to get at, nobody but the two
men being present. It is said that the case
was one of murder and suicide and another
story is that the tragedy is the result of a
duel. This latter theory is difficult to
sustain, however, as there was only one
weapon found. The police at Singapore
investigated the matter.

Sir J. Winfield Bonser.
We learn on the best authority (says
The Times of Ceylon) that the Right Hon.
Sir John Winfield Bonser has received from
home the following official communication:—
His Majesty has been pleased to approve
your appointment to the Judicial com-
mittee of the Privy Council under Section
20 of the 3rd and 4th, William IV, Clause
41. Upon receipt of this the Chief Justice
placed his resignation in the hands of H. E.
the Governor, and now awaits its accep-
tance. It is probable that Sir Winfield
Bonser will leave for England almost im-
mediately, and it is certain that Lady Bon-
sor and his daughter, who were to have
arrived in Ceylon early next year, will not
now come out. The regret of the many
friends they have made here will be great
that Sir Winfield and Lady Bonser are to
be lost to the Colony. Judiciously there
can be no question that there will be much
difficulty in filling the place which has been
so admirably occupied by our retiring Chief
Justice. Indeed, the explanation of the
appointment is to be found in Sir Winfield
Bonser's own qualifications, which are dis-
tinctly higher than those of his immediate
predecessors et al. events. Mr Justice
Moncreiff will become Acting Chief Justice
again; but we assume that the new Chief
Justice will come to us from outside.—Sir
J. Winfield Bonser was Attorney General
at Singapore for nine years and has been
Chief Justice in Ceylon for eight years.
He is 54 years of age.

Presentation to Mr J. W. Kinghorn.
To-day, Mr J. W. Kinghorn, chief en-
gineer of the Fire Brigade, was made the re-
cipient of a handsome gift by the European
members of the Brigade on the occasion of
his leaving the Colony for home. The pre-
sentation took place at the Central Police
Station, and Mr F. J. Badeley, Acting
Superintendent, presided. He referred in
suitable terms to Mr Kinghorn's long and
valuable connection with the Fire Brigade
extending over a period of fifteen years,
during the first three of which he was a
member of the Volunteer Fire Brigade.
He (Mr Badeley) was very sorry at having
to part with Mr Kinghorn, but hoped that
they might renew acquaintance in the
home country where he wished him a
happy time. In conclusion, he asked Mr
Kinghorn's acceptance of a beautiful ma-
ble time piece and silver pocket flask sub-
scribed for by the European members of
the Fire Brigade. Mr Kinghorn, in ac-
cepting the gifts, thanked the subscribers
for this unexpected mark of their goodwill
towards him. He had always had good
officers under him in the Brigade—men
willing to do whatever duty they were called
upon to perform. There was one thing
he would like to call attention to which
was detrimental to the efficiency of the
Brigade as an establishment. Very often
it happened that men joined the Brigade
and had no sooner become well up in the
work than their Police duty sent them
away to another part of the Colony where
their services as firemen could not be avail-
ed of. At the conclusion of the speech
making, the company sang 'He's a jolly
good fellow,' and on the call of Mr Badeley
three lusty cheers and a 'tiger' were given
for Mr Kinghorn. The clock bore the fol-
lowing inscription:—Presented by the
members of the Hongkong Fire Brigade to
J. W. Kinghorn, Chief Engr., as a mark of
respect and esteem on his retirement from
the Brigade. December 1901.

HAD A GOOD TIME.
A. J. SNELL wanted to attend a party,
but was afraid to do so on account of
pains in his stomach, which he feared would
grow worse. He says, 'I was telling my trou-
ble to a lady friend, who said, "Cham-
berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy
will put you in condition for the party." I
bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating
that two doses cured me and enabled me to
have a good time at the party.' Mr Snell
is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y., U.S.A.
This remedy is for sale by All Dealers.
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TELEGRAMS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

A British Camp Rushed.

LONDON, 17th December, 1901.
Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Johannesburg, states that General Buller reports that on the 14th instant Colonel F. J. Smith's camp was successfully rushed by a considerable force of Boers under De Wet, and that it is feared our casualties are heavy. The column consisted of four companies Yeomanry, with two guns, and was guarding the head of the blockhouse line from Harpersburg to Bethlehem. The Imperial Light Horse has gone in pursuit of the enemy.

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.

Marquis Ito, accompanied by Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister in London, was received at the Foreign Office, and subsequently presented to King Edward. He lunches at the Mansion House on the 3rd January, and leaves Marseilles for Japan on the 12th January.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Signor Marconi is erecting a transatlantic wireless telegraph station at Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

THE SCHLEY INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.
Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles has been officially reprimanded for utterances which he made endorsing Admiral Dewey's opinion in the Schley case.
The resignation of the historian Maday has been requested.
Pres. Roosevelt is determined to stamp out the long continued controversy, and has rebuked Gen. Miles in person for his ill-timed remarks.

U.S. CABINET CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.
The resignation of the Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, is now a certainty. His successor will be Governor W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.
Governor W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts has declined the offer of a cabinet position as successor to Gage. The figures very strongly in the Cabinet gossip as the most suitable man for the place.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.
The Portfolio of the Treasury has been offered Governor Shaw of Iowa. It is understood that he will accept it.

PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.
A plan of Government for the Philippine Islands has been sketched out, but Congress will not legislate until after Judge Taft has been heard from.

THE MANCHURIAN QUESTION.

Peking, December 23.
I learn from a most reliable source that the following is the present position of the negotiations as to Manchuria, which were opened on Friday between the Russian Plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Wang Wen-shao, and the Russian Minister.
The Russian Minister said that there was no need for further discussion of the Convention, the terms of which had been already settled with Li Hung-chang, and he must insist that the Peace Plenipotentiaries should accept it as it stands.
They answered that they are not very well acquainted with the details of the Convention, and as Li Hung-chang was dead, they did not feel bound to accept the Convention as it stands, but must demand the re-opening of negotiations. The matter could not be settled on the spot, and the conference was ended, the Plenipotentiaries promising to write to the Russian Minister, after they had re-considered the question.
Wang Wen-shao's desire is to abandon the terms arranged with Li Hung-chang, but he is afraid that China will be helpless if any disastrous consequences follow her rejection of the Convention, and he seems inclined, if no other course can be found, to yield to the Russian Minister's demands, with the modification of a few points which are most unfavourable to China.

Nervous Lady Passenger (to deck hand): "Have you ever seen any worse weather than this, Mister Sailor?" Deck Hand: "Take a word from an old salt, mum; the weather's never very bad while there's any females on deck—a-asking benjamins about it."

BOATMAN (to visitor): "How's business?" "Why, there ain't no business since these blessed bicycles came into fashion. Why, they come down here and takes our fresh air as we're celebrated for, and pumps it into their 'blowin' wheels, and takes it away with 'em."

EXPERIMENT IN THE BLOOD.—We have seen hosts of letters from people who have received great benefit from the use of Clarke's Blood Mixture. It cannot be too highly estimated, for it cleanses and clears the blood from all impurities. This is a good testimonial from the Family Doctor, which goes on farther to say: "It is the best Blood Purifier that science and skill have brought to light, and we can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our subscribers and the public generally. It is a wonderful cure for all kinds of skin and blood diseases. Pimples and Sores of all kinds, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold everywhere at 25c. per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes."

SHELL STEAMER ASHORE.

Information reached the Colony a few days ago to the effect that the small tank steamer *Peluso*, 344 tons gross, belonging to the Shell Transport and Trading Company had gone ashore at Tung O Sands, westward of and near Drunker Point. The accident occurred on the 19th or 20th inst., and the steamer was on a voyage from Hongkong to Swatow with a cargo of bulk petroleum consigned to Messrs Bradley and Co. The crew were saved, and were probably taken on to Swatow by some of the coasting steamers. Assistance was sent from Swatow, and as no information has been received announcing the safety of the vessel it is feared she will become a total loss. The captain of the *Peluso* being sick when she sailed from Hongkong was left behind, and the steamer proceeded north under the chief officer. On news of the accident reaching Tung O, the captain at once left for the *Peluso* which was built in 1884 at Renfrew by Messrs Leitch and Co., and is an iron twin screw steamer with compound engines. Her port of registry is Singapore, and she was engaged in the local petroleum coasting trade, her Hongkong agents being Messrs Arncliffe, Karlberg and Co.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

The First Test Match.

LONDON, December 13.—The first test match between United Australia and Mr. MacLaren's English Eleven commenced yesterday at Sydney on a perfect wicket. The Englishmen had the good fortune to win the toss, and scored 272 runs for six wickets. The captain, Mr. MacLaren, played an attractive innings of 116, and T. Haywood contributed a patient 69, in which he never gave a chance. W. G. Grace stonewalled persistently for 21 runs. Mr. Gilbert Jessop made 24 runs uneventfully; Mr. A. O. Jones scored only 9 runs, and J. T. Tyldesley 1 run. A. A. Lilly is not out with 22 runs.
The fielding of the Australian Eleven throughout the day has been good.
December 14.—The wicket in the big match at Sydney continues to keep in perfect condition. Lilly and Braund made a grand stand, both playing steady and attractive cricket. Finally they were out, Lilly for 84 runs and Braund for 58 runs. Then Ginn with 21, Barnes with 26 not out, and Blythe with 29, carried on the English score to 464 runs. The Australians went in and scored 103 runs for the loss of three wickets. Scores:—

ENGLAND—1st INNINGS.	
Mr. MacLaren (Hants)	116
Hayward (Surrey)	69
Quail (Warwick)	21
Mr. Jessop (Gloucester)	24
Mr. Jones (Notts)	9
Tyldesley (Lancashire)	1
Lilly (Warwick)	84
Braund (Somerset)	58
Ginn (Notts)	21
Barnes (Lancashire) not out ..	26
Blythe (Kent)	29
Extras	15
Total	464

AUSTRALIA—1st INNINGS.	
Total (for three wickets)	103

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The competition on Saturday took the form of sweepstakes of 50 cents each, with 830 added, special handicapping, three prizes. There was also a gold cross for the highest net score. There was a good attendance. The sweepstakes were won—1st by Mr. Varcoe—who had the very creditable net score of 91—the best he ever made; Q. M. S. Walker and Col. Sgt. Wike were second and third respectively. The gold cross was won by Q. M. S. Walker, who just managed to snatch it from Col. Sgt. Wike by having a better total at the long range. The weather was unfavourable, an unsteady wind blowing across the range with puffs of smoke and mist. The following were the best scores:—

* Mr. Varcoe	87	31	22	10	170
* Q. M. S. Walker, R.E.	82	28	32	32	92
* Col. Sgt. Wike, R.M.L.I.	28	34	30	32	92
Q. M. S. West, R.E.	29	32	28	3	92
D. Roberts	32	27	32	3	91
R. A. Collins	33	30	22	6	90
Sgt. Batt. Cross, R.M.L.I.	31	32	25	3	88
Mr. Penning	31	26	25	6	88
Mr. W. G. Stackwood	32	30	25	3	87
H. Hobday, R.N.	30	26	27	3	83

* Winners of Sweepstakes.
* Winner of Gold Cross.

Ring off, Please.
A CERTAIN wise man took this way to give his wife an idea of how much \$200 is. She had no idea of money. Her purchases were enormous. It happened one day that her eye fell upon a magnificent ring, and she coveted it. It cost \$240. But what was \$200 to her in comparison with the ring? Of course, her husband consented to the purchase. What else could a dutiful and affectionate husband do? But he tried this method of educating his wife concerning the great price of the ring. He instructed his banker to send her the \$200 in small pieces—pennies, sixpences, and shillings. In time the money, bagful after bagful. She never had such an idea of \$200 before. When the money was piled before her, she exclaimed: "The price of the ring went up a hundredfold, and was considered at once an extravagance which she of her own option abandoned."

CRICKET.

NAVY & ARMY.

Teams representing the above services met on the Cricket Ground on Saturday. The result was a victory for the Navy by 43 runs. Scores:—

NAVY.	
Digby, c. Coolie, b. Preedy	1
Moore, b. Preedy	10
Reinold, c. Coolie, b. Dorhill	10
Franklin, b. France-Hayhurst	67
Wood, b. Preedy	18
Cornaby, c. Farnsway, b. Waymouth ..	18
Mulren, b. Preedy	1
Nut, b. Preedy	0
McKinley, c. Buttanahaw, b. Preedy ..	18
Harrison, not out	9
Broadbent, run out	9
Extras	19

Total	294
THE ARMY.	
Capt. Waymouth, b. Mahon	3
J. France-Hayhurst, c. Wood, b. Reinold ..	26
Major Buresford Ash, b. Reinold	5
Capt. Radcliffe, c. McKinley, b. Broadbent ..	36
Major Dorhill, b. McKinley	30
E. A. Farnsway, b. McKinley	13
Major Wynne, c. Digby, b. Franklin ..	4
Capt. Clapham, b. Franklin	4
Capt. Rotheman, c. Wood, b. Franklin ..	19
Pte. Preedy, not out	15
Major Buttanahaw, c. Cornaby, b. McKinley ..	0
Extras	13

Total	161
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THE WALNUT N. B. CHAMBERGOWER C.C.

This match was played at the Happy Valley on Saturday last between the Chambergower Cricket Club and the Walnut Floren, and resulted in a victory for the former. The following are the scores:—

WALNUT ELEVEN.	
E. Seth, b. Pestonji	8
H. Harton, c. Lammert, b. Pestonji	20
F. D. Bain, b. Pestonji	9
H. A. Seth, b. Hartman	6
A. A. Alves, run out	1
S. A. Seth, c. M. E. Ager, b. Hartman ..	1
R. Lappley, run out	3
R. Henderson, c. H. E. Ager, b. Hartman ..	0
G. Loureiro, b. Hartman	0
A. K. Alves, b. do	0
F. W. White, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	46

CHAMBERGOWER C.C.

J. L. Stuart, run out 8 || R. Pestonji, c. b. Lappley | 10 |
F. D. Bain, c. Lammert, b. Bain	10
F. Rapp, b. H. A. Seth	6
E. Ford, b. do	11
L. E. Lammert, c. H. A. Seth, b. Loureiro ..	27
M. E. Ager, c. A. E. Alves, b. Seth	1
H. A. Ross, run out	6
H. Harton, c. A. E. Alves, b. A. A. Alves ..	1
J. H. Rattojee, c. A. E. Alves, b. White ..	0
A. E. Ager, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	105

CATASTROPHE AT GOA.

Bombay, December 9.—The launch *Gon*, which sank at Goa at the end of last week, has been raised. Seventy-five dead bodies were recovered. The disaster is alleged to have been due to overcrowding.
A Panjin correspondent writes to the *Advocate of India*, under date December 3rd:—
A very terrible disaster occurred here to-day on the river Mandovi, which ended in the loss of over a hundred lives. The steam-launch, which plies between Verem, Betim, and Panjin, and vice versa, left the pier of Verem at 11.15 before 7 a.m. with about 200 passengers on board, many having been kept back for want of room. The number was unusually large, owing to the day being the feast day of the patron saint of Goa, St. Francis Xavier, and devotees from different parts proceeding to Velha Goa to offer up prayers at the shrine of the saint in the convent of Bom Jesus. About ten minutes after the steam-launch had weighed anchor, it sank in the river just in front of the Lyceum National. As can be easily imagined, the confusion was tremendous.
The boats being in great demand on that day, there was not a single one available to render the sufferers a helping hand. The gunboat *Mandovi* was anchored about half a mile off the scene of the disaster, and although the boats from this vessel were lowered as specially as possible, they could only pick up about thirty people, and no fewer than sixteen of these died in hospital. The latter were from among the deck passengers. It is believed all the first-class passengers perished.
At the time of writing this, the exact number on board has not been ascertained, but it exceeded 150, of whom only fourteen survived. Almost all the passengers were pilgrims to the shrine of St. Xavier, consisting of sons, daughters, fathers, mothers and old women, and it is believed:—The catastrophe has endangered a whole family. The passengers were chiefly from Verem, Pilerne, Saligao, Calangute, Anjuna, Assagao, Siolim, Mapuca, Candolim, Nerul, and Terra.
The launch is lying at the place where it sank, and the dead bodies have not yet been recovered. Some of the people of the neighbouring villages, having got news of the disaster, have arrived here, and their cries of despair in the streets of this capital are indescribable. A large crowd from other villages is expected in the course of to-morrow in search of their friends. One can scarcely conceive that a disaster of so great a magnitude could ever have occurred only about fifty yards from the shore and in full view of the town.
The press is clamouring for a thorough investigation of the disaster, and pointing out more than one occasion escape through fortuitous circumstances similar disasters, but for some reason or other no good has resulted from the agitation. The disaster at Durban, which happened to another steam launch just near the pier, some eight or nine years ago, and which caused the loss of three lives, raised a hue and cry in the country at the time. An enquiry was started, but no one as yet knows the result.

A FRENCHMAN went up to a British officer, and requested his permission to examine his Waterloo medal. "Humph!" said he, "I have never seen one of these." "A pretty sight, it didn't cost your nation above a few francs," True, replied the officer, "but it cost yours a Napoleon."

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INDIAN TEA EXPORTS.
Calcutta, December 14.—Total exports to the United Kingdom from the 1st April to date amount to 126,566,287 lbs. against 133,804,247 lbs. last year.
Exports to all foreign ports have decreased over three millions compared with 1900.
SIR HARRY JOHNSTON'S SUCCESSOR IN UGANDA.
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LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Queen of the Netherlands.

London, December 18.—Queen Wilhelmina and her husband, the King, Hugo yesterday, and drove to the Palace of the Queen's mother in an open carriage. They were enthusiastically cheered.

One for Mr Carnegie.

President Roosevelt has declined Mr. Carnegie's offer of £2,000,000 for educational purposes, because the money is payable in bonds of the Steel Trust.

The Nigeria Campaign.

Four columns of 400 each are operating against the Aros in Nigeria. One column captured a native stronghold on the 21st ultimo, killing eighty. The Aros attacked the camp of another column on the 30th, but were repulsed, losing heavily.

Cecil Rhodes and South Africa.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes, in a long letter to the *Daily Telegraph*, says that the only sure means of ending race hatred in South Africa is the settlement of large numbers of suitable Britishers on the land there.

Another Conference of Colonial Premiers.

December 12.—Mr. Barton and Mr. Sedd have accepted a proposal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for a Conference in London on Colonial questions on the occasion of the Coronation.

The Relations of Britain and Russia.

December 14.—A delegation of Russian agriculturists, headed by a high official, is present visiting England, and has been invited to lunch at the Mansion House. Replying to toasts, the Russians emphasized the anxiety to promote friendship and trade with Great Britain.

Reinforcements for South Africa.

December 13.—The Canadians are mobilizing at Halifax, and will embark for the Cape on the 10th January.

The departure of the quotas from different towns has been marked by scenes of enthusiasm awaiting the departure of the first contingents.

New Law in the Transvaal.

A new law respecting native labour has been promulgated. It abolishes the severity of the old law, and creates a strong internal surveillance over native mines.

Attempted Murder in the Shropshire.

Poona, Dec. 10.—A General Court-Martial has been held on the 10th inst. at the Shropshire, who attempted to murder Corporal Henry Wood, of the same regiment. Colonel Stuart presided. The prisoner is alleged to have stabbed Wood while in bed, in June last, wounding him in several places. The complainant's life was long despaired of, but he has recovered sufficiently to be invalided. The prisoner, who has been in confinement 171 days, denied all knowledge of the matter, saying that he was drunk at the time. This was denied by witnesses. The Court has sent its finding to the General Commanding.

Naples to be a Manufacturing Centre.

London, December 14.—Signor Zanardelli, in the Italian Chamber, announced numerous measures for the economic improvement of Southern Italy, including reduction of the land tax, the construction of two lines which will reduce the journey between Rome and Naples to two and a half hours, and the construction of aqueducts in Apulia. It is intended to make Naples a manufacturing centre.

Franco-Italian Interests in the Mediterranean.

The Italian Foreign Minister in the Chamber of Deputies stated that France has given Italy the most frank and satisfactory assurances concerning her policy in the Mediterranean and at Tripoli. France has no thought of cutting the *c-r*avans routes from Tripoli to the interior, and mutual confidence has been the rule in the relations of Italy and France.
Commercial Education in Bengal.
Calcutta, December 12.—The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has issued a notice from the Director of Public Instruction of Bengal, embodying a scheme for introducing commercial education in Bengal, under Government auspices, on lines similar to those in vogue in London.

Recognition of the Colonies by the City of London.

London, December 13.—A dinner was given by the Gresham Committee last night, Sir Robert Rogers being the Chairman. The London Mayor being absent, with a representative Colonial gathering, Sir Charles Tennant (for Sir David Tennant, Agent-General of Cape Colony), in a speech, said he hoped that the war would end immediately after the re-assembly of Parliament.
Sir Robert Rogers dwelt upon the magnificent revelation of love and loyalty of the Colonial children for the Motherland during the South African crisis, the memory of which will be ineffaceable in the hearts of the English people.
Other speakers dwelt upon the political and commercial importance of the projected exhibition of Colonial products in the Royal Exchange under the auspices of the Gresham Committee, which is practically the first step in the recognition of the Colonies by the City.

Bruce Hamilton's Successor.

December 14.—General Bruce Hamilton reports from Ermelo, yesterday, that he has captured the Laager after a long night march, and killed 16 and captured 76 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded. He also recaptured one of Colonel Benson's lost guns which he used against the retreating Boers. Colonel Benson's other gun has been destroyed. The Government has telegraphed hearty congratulations to General Bruce Hamilton.

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Tajurah and Ras Hafun, of the East Coast of Africa (Somali Coast), January 29th, 1897; and Consul-General in the British Protectorate on the Somali Coast, July 27th, 1898.]

Railway Extension in Burma.

Calcutta, December 11.—The Viceroy replied to several Addresses yesterday at Rangoon. To the Chamber of Commerce he deprecated railway extension into unknown regions. He discouraged the idea of connecting Burma and India by railway, and counselled the development of local trade.

Madras Visited by a Cyclone.

Calcutta, December 10.—Madras was visited by a heavy cyclone on Sunday and Monday. The "great danger" storm signal was hoisted on Sunday, and heavy rain fell for 12 hours, placing a large part of the city under water. The December race meeting has been postponed, owing to the racecourse being under water. No reports of accidents have yet been received.

General South African News.

Calcutta, December 16.—The London correspondent of the *Englishman*, telegraphing on the 15th instant, states that it is hoped that a fourth of the mining industry in the Transvaal will be in full swing by the end of February.

The Steamship Lightning, having arrived from the above Ports, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Jan., 1902, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 30, 1901. 2606

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
The Steamship *Lightning*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once. Cargo remaining on board after 2 p.m. of the 2nd Jan., 1902, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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Hongkong, December 30, 1901. 2607

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

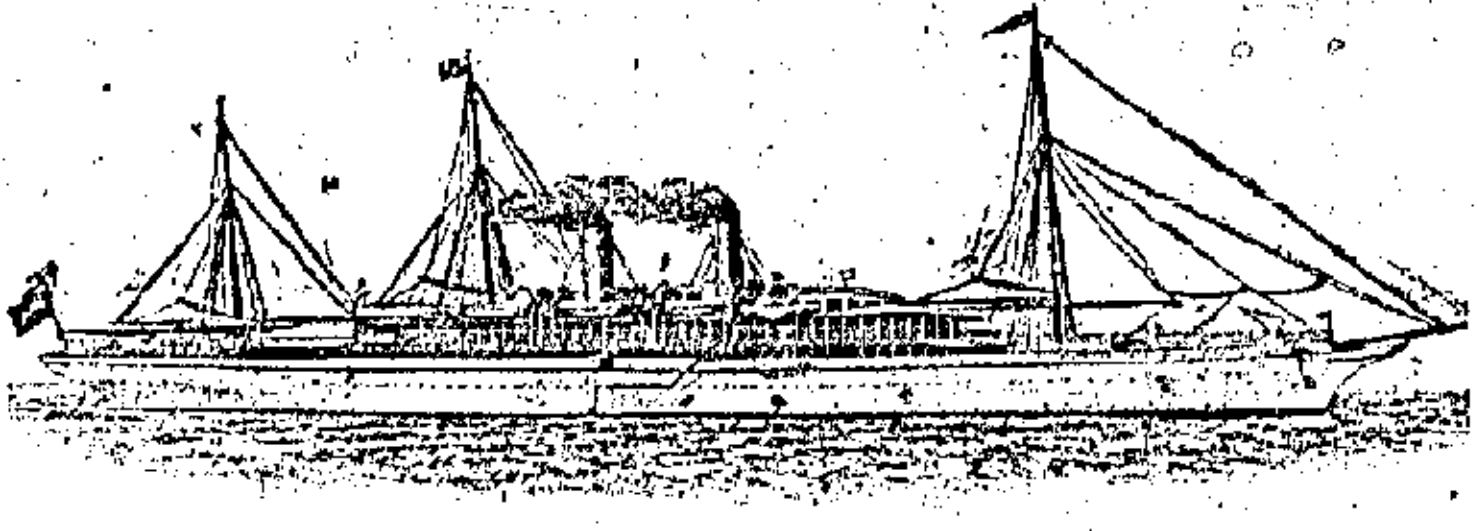
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EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 12th Feb., 1902
* ATHLETIC, 3,882 Tons...Comdr. H. MONTAGU, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., 1902
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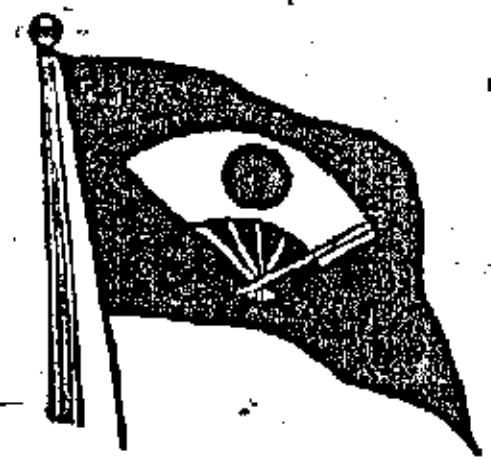
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BINGO MARU, F. DAVIES	NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at Daylight
KUMANO MARU, Z. W. HASWELL	SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 4 p.m.
KAGOSHIMA MARU, K. Koni	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	SATURDAY, 4th Jan., at Noon
KINSHU MARU, F. L. PYLE	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOU, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 13th Jan., at 4 p.m.

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PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 22nd January
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 5th February
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 19th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 5th March
KLAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 19th March
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 2nd April
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 16th April
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 30th April
PRINCESS IRINE	WEDNESDAY, 14th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 28th May
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 11th June
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 25th June

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PYRRHUS	31st January

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	DEUCALION	7th January, 1902
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	PATROCLOS	20th January, 1902
(Taking Cargo at London Rates)	PALEUS	21st January, 1902
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	STANTON	22nd January, 1902
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Hongkong, December 26, 1901. 2647

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THE Co.'s Steamship CALEDONIE, Captain BLAIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about TUESDAY Next, the 31st Inst.

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Hongkong, December 24, 1901. 2657

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HILLGLEN, About 29th Jan.

LOWTHER CASTLE, About 5th Feb.

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Hongkong, December 30, 1901. 2632

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship ASAMA,

Capt. BEMENT, on or about 31st Dec., 1901.

For Freight apply to

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Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2569

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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship GLENFARIG,

Capt. DODDINGTON, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, 1902, at Noon.

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Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2629

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Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2631

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Hongkong, December 27, 1901. 2652

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Hongkong, December 23, 1901. 2635

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship LAUSANG,

Capt. PAYNE, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	976	—	—	Capt. Weber	Kobe
Maria Theresa	Austrian cruiser	5900	30	10,000	Captain Hans	Shanghai
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Belloy	Shanghai
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Yokohama
Bengali	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Killa	Kobe
Bonard	French cruiser	4009	19	9000	Capt. Lefevre	Shanghai
Chasseloup Laubat	French cruiser	3800	—	—	Capt. De Epinay St. Luc	Hongkong
Comete	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Lovel	Bangkok
Decidue	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Leamy	Pakhoi
D'Entrecasteaux	French flagship	8114	14	13,500	Captain Fournet	Hongkong
Desaix	French cruiser	4006	14	8500	Capt. de Saine	Saigon
Edelreux	French cruiser	3658	—	—	Capt. de Saine	Taku
Franco	French cruiser	3739	10	9000	Captain Adam	Shanghai
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	0	2200	Capt. de la Motte du Portail	Saigon
Liot	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Frost	Nagasaki
Pascal	French cruiser	5038	14	8600	Captain Motet	Taku
Redoutable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Neny	Along Bay
Syx	French cruiser	1800	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Hongkong
Surprise	French gunboat	624	—	900	Captain Monnet	Shanghai
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Elondal	Kwong-chuan
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Viper	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Nagasaki
Busard	German gunboat	1600	8	2900	Comdr. von Bassewitz	Hongkong
Furst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Gierholtke	Nagasaki
Gaeta	German gunboat	8	1000	—	Commander Hilbrand	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	—	Nagasaki
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Derewsky	Hongkong
Utis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Lieut. Commander Sthamer	Hongkong
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Berger	Foochow
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6261	10	14,000	Capt. Guelich	Shanghai
Luchs	German gunboat	350	—	—	Comdr. Dedhardt	Shanghai
Schwalbe	German gunboat	1120	8	1600	Comdr. Berger	Shanghai
Seeadler	German gunboat	1600	8	2810	Comdr. Hoffman	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. von Mittelstadt	Hongkong
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. von Weise	Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	2900	10	6845	Captain John Boet	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4232	16	10,849	Captain Hoti	Shanghai
Scylla	Italian cruiser	2250	10	7800	Captain Canale	Shanghai
Venturo	Italian cruiser	1600	14	6200	Captain Zizi	Shanghai
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Captain Melo	Macao
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5700	16	10,000	Captain Yakovlev	Taku
Admiral Nachimoff	Russian cruiser	5900	—	—	Captain Yavolevsky	Yokohama
Albatros	Russian gunboat	810	—	750	Captain Elzhsky	Yokohama
Bohrer	Russian ship	350	2	1150	Captain Dobrotolsky	Newchwang
Gaidar Donakzy	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Vvedenskiy	Fort Arthur
Dimitrak	Russian gunboat	500	—	2000	Capt. Sidorovich	Shanghai
Gromobol	Russian gunboat	1400	—	5000	Capt. Smirnov	Nagasaki
Korsetz	Russian battleship	12,436	26	14,500	—	Taku
Mandjour	Russian ship	1200	2	1400	Captain Sultan	Nagasaki
Navarin	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	1100	Commander Muraviev	Nagasaki
Otravny	Russian gunboat	1400	2	2000	Captain Jenson	Nagasaki
Petrovskiy	Russian battleship	12,000	—	—	Captain Jensen	Shanghai
Poltava	Russian battleship	11,000	—	—	Captain Orloff	Yokohama
Rosica	Russian cruiser	12,500	28	—	Captain Orloff	Nagasaki
Rashovnik	Russian cruiser	1320	10	—	Captain Sevelinnipoff	Shanghai
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,922	16	13,200	Capt. Harp	Taku
Sorostopoi	Russian battleship	10,900	—	—	Capt. Bielsky	Nagasaki
Siach	Russian gunboat	550	2	1125	Capt. Bielsky	Port Arthur
S. S. S. Valiky	Russian 2nd class battleship	17,000	14	1600	Captain Turassoff	Hongkong
Sivuch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1150	Captain Soultan	Taku
Vladimir Monomach	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Prince Gueltemsky	Taku
Vesdrick	Russian gunboat	500	11	1400	Capt. Roziva	Taku
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1250	—	1194	Comdr. Shkruff	Nagasaki
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1277	Commander Karl Rohrer	Nagasaki
Brooklyn	U. S. flagship	9215	32	18,769	Captain F. W. Dickens	Yokohama
Don Juan de Austria						

